

Strange Things You Hear About The Church of Christ (#1 of 12) "You Don't Believe In the Old Testament"

Text: 2 Timothy 3:15-17

Introduction:

1. This lesson begins our series regarding some strange things you may hear, or perhaps even believe, regarding the church of Christ.
2. Tonight we will examine the idea oft heard that we in the Lord's church do not believe in the Old Testament. After this study we hope all will realize that this is a misconception that is sometimes repeated due to the proper handling of the Word of God which is commanded in 2 Timothy 2:15 (the Greek word translated as handle aright (ὀρθοτομέω) means to "Cut straight, dissect; handle aright, teach correctly)

Discussion:

I. All Scripture is Inspired of God

1. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
2. 2 Peter 1:3; 16-21

II. But, Part (The Old Testament) ...

1. Has Been Fulfilled (Matthew 5:17-18; Acts 13:26-29)
2. Has Been Blotted Out (Colossians 2:10-17)
3. Has Been Taken Away (Hebrews 10:1-10)
4. Has Been Done Away (2 Corinthians 3:1-11)
5. Has Fulfilled Its Purpose (Galatians 3:17-29; 5:1-7)

III. Objections To Examine...

1. "If the Old Testament is not in force, you are limiting God."
 - (1) No, in fact HE has said all we need for justification and daily living is in the New Testament (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3; Romans 1:16)
2. "If the Old Testament is not in force, the 10 Commandments are not in force."
 - (1) Note in Exodus 20:1-3; Nehemiah 9:14 ... To whom given?
 - (2) Romans 7:4-7
 - (3) Note the chart at the end of this lesson - each of the "10 Commandments" is repeated in the New Testament, with the exception of the law to observe the Sabbath.
3. "If the Old Testament is not in force, the Old Testament has no value!"

- (1) Romans 15:4: "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."
- (2) 1 Corinthians 10:11 "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

Conclusion:

1. This accusation about the Lord's church is not valid. But it is easy to see how this indicates the problem faced with many in the denominational world – they simply do not search deep enough to even understand the basics of authority. Until they get serious about this, they are doomed to remain ignorant of the true righteousness of God.
2. Let each of us determine to be diligent in handling the word of God properly (2 Timothy 2:15) so that we may be able to be teachers to those walking in darkness.

The 10 Commandments in the Old and New...

1.	No other God's before Me	Ex. 20:3	Acts 17:23-31; Rom. 1:22-23; 1 Cor. 8:4,6
2.	No graven images	Ex. 20:4-5	Acts 14:11-15; 1 Cor. 10:14; 1 John 5:21
3.	Do not take Lord's name in vain	Ex. 20:7	James 5:12.
4.	Remember the Sabbath	Ex. 20:8-11	<u>Not</u> repeated. Instead, observance of it is condemned (Gal. 4:10-11; Col. 2:16-17)
5.	Honor father and mother	Ex. 20:12	Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:20
6.	Shall not kill	Ex. 20:13	Rom. 13:9; 1 John 3:15; Rev. 21:8
7.	Shall not commit adultery	Ex. 20:14	Rom. 13:9; 1 Cor. 6:13-20; Gal. 5:19-21
8.	Shall not steal	Ex. 20:15	Rom. 13:9; 1 Cor. 6:10-11; Eph. 4:28
9.	Shall not bear false witness	Ex. 20:16	Rom. 13:9; Rev. 21:8
10.	Shall not covet	Ex. 20:17	Rom. 13:9; 1 Cor. 6:10